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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 26, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response ends on March 26, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0675 for any fee in connection with this Response.

AMENDMENT

<u>IN THE CLAIMS:</u>

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 13, 17, 21 and 22 as follows:

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